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GLENDAL CELEBRATES DOWNTOWN PLAZA PROJECT

GLENDAL, Ariz. -- A stroll along Historic Downtown Glendale's bricked sidewalks now boasts an exciting new feature thanks to a new Downtown Plaza and Civic Center expansion, which makes its official public debut today during a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The downtown plaza project includes enhancements to the historic Wells Fargo building at 58th Avenue and Glenn Drive, which is now a 10,000-square-foot Civic Center Annex; and the creation of open space and a cozy brick and grass plaza area nestled between the Bead Museum and Annex.

The \$3.2 million dollar project has created much-needed additional meeting and banquet space for the West Valley. The renovation of the old Wells Fargo bank building features meeting rooms, an Internet training center and other amenities. The project will allow the Civic Center to target a new customer market and focus on small group meeting space availability.

The Plaza will also provide Glendale's festivals and special events with an additional venue with seating for small, intimate performances.

With the opening of the Grand Ave intersection this summer, the development of Glendale's first downtown urban housing in 50 years and numerous other public and private projects, this grand opening is part of the city's vision to continue to invest in Historic Downtown Glendale.

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Plaza Project, Add1/1/1

By the numbers

Civic Center Annex

- 4,000 square foot addition
- 6,627 square foot existing
- 2,288 square feet banquet space
- 1,200+ sq. ft. of small meeting space
- Breakout room (left) 256 sq. ft.
- Breakout room (right) 210 sq. ft.
- Internet room 245 sq. ft.
- Conference Room 378 (vault)
- Breakout room at left of lobby 371 sq. ft.

About the Architect

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